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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH
SUBJ: RHODESIA: PRESIDENT KAUNDA DESCRIBES RHODESIAN RAID

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 3459, (B) STATE 65651

1. AMBASSADOR PROPOSES TO GIVE OUR RESPONSE ON CHINOOKS TO
PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PROVIDE
HIM WITH SUBSTANCE OF REFTELS IN FORM OF AIDE MEMOIRE. WE WILL
KEEP AIDE MEMOIRE FACTUAL, STRESSING THAT USG HAS NOT PRO-
VIDED OR AUTHORIZED OTHERS TO TRANSFER CHINOOKS TO ANY COUNTRY
AND OFFERING ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING HELICOPTERS DOWNED AT
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LUANGWA IN AFRICA. REFERENCE TO ISRAEL WILL BE BRIEF, POINTING
OUT THAT ACCORDING TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ISRAEL DOES NOT
AND HAS NOT HAD CHINOOKS IN ITS INVENTORY.

2. SINCE PRESIDENT KAUNDA MADE HIS REQUEST TO THE U.S. FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT CHINOOKS THROUGH THE PRESS AS WELL AS
THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, EMBASSY ALSO PROPOSES ISSUING FOLLOWING

PRESS RELEASE:

QUOTE

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA TODAY THAT IT HAS NEVER SUPPLIED NOR AGREED TO A THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLYING NOR BEEN AWARE OF A THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLYING THE CH-47 CHINOOK HELICOPTER TO ANY COUNTRY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND TO ITS KNOWLEDGE THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUCH HELICOPTERS IN THE REGION. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LUSAKA HAS OFFERED ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA IN IDENTIFYING ANY HELICOPTERS DESTROYED IN THE RECENT MILITARY ACTION IN LUANGWA. END QUOTE

3. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY WE WILL PROCEED WITH ABOVE STEPS ON MARCH 16.
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